

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2301 - HB 2574

February 20, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires teachers to:

- instruct elementary school students about the dangers of alcohol for at least one hour during the calendar year; and
- instruct high school students on the dangers of drinking and driving for at least one hour during the calendar year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

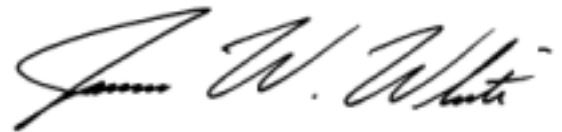
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumes any increase in state and local government expenditures are estimated to be not significant since the provisions of this bill are addressed in current school standards:

- Students are currently provided with more than an hour of instruction on this topic matter.
- Some of this information is incorporated into the health curriculum. In addition, high school students also learn about alcohol and driving through drivers' education programs.
- School counselors already address the dangers of alcohol and students in the fifth grade participate in the DARE program.
- The Department of Education also addresses drug issues via *Standards for Healthful Living* for Grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8, and *Lifetime Wellness* for grades 9-12.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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